

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
LOS ANGELES REGION**

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**Public Notice No. 14-031  
NPDES No. CA0053619**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**PROPOSED ISSUANCE  
OF  
WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS  
(NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM PERMIT)**

DISCHARGER	DISCHARGE LOCATION	RECEIVING WATER
Joint Outfall System -Pomona Water Reclamation Plant	295 Humane Way Pomona, California	South Fork San Jose Creek tributary to San Gabriel River

The Joint Outfall System (JOS), formerly referred to as Los Angeles County Sanitation District is currently discharging tertiary-treated wastewater, from its Pomona Water Reclamation Plant (Pomona WRP) to the South Fork San Jose Creek, a water of the United States, tributary to the San Gabriel River. The discharge is regulated under waste discharge requirements contained in Order No. R4-2009-0076, adopted by this Regional Water Board on June 4, 2009. Order No. R4-2009-0076 serves as a permit under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES No. CA0053619). The Discharger filed a Report of Waste Discharge (ROWD) and applied to the State Water Board for reissuance of waste discharge requirements (WDRs) and NPDES permit to discharge tertiary-treated wastewater.

JOS owns and operates the Pomona Water Reclamation Plant, a publicly owned treatment works (POTW), located at 295 Humane Way, Pomona, California, with a design capacity of 15.0 million gallons per day (MGD). The treatment system consists of comminution, primary sedimentation, flow equalization, activated sludge biological treatment with nitrification and de-nitrification (NDN) for nitrogen removal, secondary sedimentation, filtration, chloramination, and dechlorination (sodium bisulfite). The Pomona WRP and six other POTWs are part of an integrated network of facilities, known as the JOS. The JOS, which consists of approximately 1,200 miles of interceptors and trunk sewers, serves an urban area of 654 square miles, including all or parts of 73 cities in addition to multiple communities and unincorporated areas, within Los Angeles County. Sewage solids, separated from the Pomona WRP's wastewater are returned to the JOS trunk sewer for conveyance to Joint Water Pollution Control Plant (JWPCP) for treatment and disposal, under a separate NPDES Order. Treated wastewater is discharged from the Pomona WRP from Discharge Point 001 (Latitude 34.055278 N, Longitude 117.795556 W) to the South Fork San Jose Creek, tributary to the San Gabriel River, waters of the United States, within San Gabriel River Watershed.

On the basis of preliminary staff review and application of lawful standards and regulations, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board), Los Angeles Region, tentatively proposes to issue waste discharge requirements, including effluent limitations and special conditions.

### PUBLIC HEARING DATE AND LOCATION

The Regional Water Board will hold a public hearing on the tentative WDRs during its regular Board meeting on the following date and time and at the following location:

Date: **November 6, 2014**  
Time: 9:00 a.m.  
Place: Metropolitan Water District of Southern California Board Room  
700 North Alameda Street  
Los Angeles, California

Interested persons are invited to attend. At the public hearing, the Regional Water Board will hear testimony, if any, pertinent to the discharge, WDRs, and permit. Oral testimony will be heard; however, for accuracy of the record, important testimony should be in writing.

Please be aware that dates and venues may change. Our Web address is <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/> where you can access the current agenda for changes in dates and locations.

### SCOPE OF HEARING

The validity of the Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for San Gabriel River Watershed is not at issue before the Regional Water Board in this proceeding. Evidence or argument that challenges the validity of those requirements, or any aspects of them will not be permitted. The only matter before the Board is the adoption of new WDRs and permit under the NPDES to incorporate applicable water quality objectives associated with discharges to the waters of the United States.

### AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS

The Report of Waste Discharge (ROWD), other documents relied upon, tentative effluent limitations and special provisions, comments received, and other information are on file are available for inspection and copying between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. by appointment at the following address:

Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board  
320 West 4th Street, Suite 200  
Los Angeles, CA 90013

Arrangements for file review and/or obtaining copies of the documents may be made by calling the Regional Water Board at (213) 576-6600. Additionally, the agenda, the fact sheet, and the draft order will be available online at: <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/> under the "Tentative Permits" heading.

The entire file will become a part of the administrative record of this proceeding, irrespective of whether individual documents are specifically referenced during the hearing or contained in the agenda packet. The entire file will not be present in the hearing room. In addition to the materials generated for this proceeding, the file includes the administrative records for the

applicable Basin Plan amendments. Should any interested persons desire staff to bring to the hearing any particular documents that are not included in the agenda packet, they must submit a written or electronic request to staff during business hours, not later than five business days before the hearing. The request must identify the documents with enough specificity for staff to locate them.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS AND SUBMITTAL OF EVIDENCE

Persons wishing to comment on, or object to, the tentative waste discharge requirements, or submit evidence for the Board to consider, are invited to submit them in writing to Veronica Cuevas at the above address, or send them electronically to [veronica.cuevas@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:veronica.cuevas@waterboards.ca.gov). To be evaluated and responded to by Regional Water Board staff, included in the Board's agenda folder, and fully considered by the Board, written comments or testimony regarding the tentative must be received no later than **5:00 p.m. on October 10, 2014**. Failure to comply with these requirements is grounds for the Regional Water Board to refuse to admit the proposed written comment or exhibit into evidence pursuant to section 648.4, title 23 of the California Code of Regulations.

### NATURE OF HEARING

This proceeding will be a formal adjudicatory proceeding. For such proceedings, the Regional Water Board follows procedures established by the State Water Resources Control Board. These procedures are set forth in regulations commencing with section 647 of title 23 of the California Code of Regulations, in particular, Article 2, commencing with section 648.

### PARTIES TO THE HEARING

The following are the parties to this proceeding:

Joint Outfall System (formerly known as County Sanitation District of Los Angeles County)

Any other persons requesting party status must submit a written or electronic request to staff not later than 20 business days before the hearing. All parties will be notified if other persons are so designated.

Regional Water Board staff is not a party to the proceeding; their participation in this proceeding exists for the purpose of advising and assisting the Regional Water Board.

### HEARING PROCEDURE

The Board meeting, of which this hearing is a part, will start at 9:00 a.m. Interested persons are invited to attend. When the agenda item is called, staff will present the matter under consideration, after which oral statements from parties or interested persons will be heard. For accuracy of the record, all important testimony should be in writing. The Board will include in the administrative record written transcriptions of oral testimony that is actually presented at the hearing. Oral testimony may be limited to five minutes or less for each interested person, depending on the number of interested persons wishing to be heard.

Parties or interested persons with similar concerns or opinions are encouraged to choose one representative to speak and are encouraged to coordinate their presentations with each other.

Parties will be advised after the receipt of public comments, but prior to the date of the hearing, of the amount of time each is allocated for presentations. That decision will be based upon the complexity and number of issues under consideration, the extent to which the parties have coordinated, the number of parties and interested persons anticipated, and the time available for the hearing. The parties are invited to contact staff not later than **October 23, 2014**, (two weeks prior to the hearing) to discuss how much time they believe is necessary for their presentations, and staff will endeavor to accommodate reasonable requests. At the conclusion of testimony, the Board will deliberate in open or close session, and render a decision.

The Board does not generally require the prior identification of witnesses, the cross examination of witnesses, or other procedures not specified in this notice. Parties or persons with special procedural requests or requests for alternative hearing procedures should contact staff, who will endeavor to accommodate reasonable requests. Objections to any procedure to be used during this hearing must be submitted in writing no later than close of business 15 business days prior to the date of the hearing. (Any objections related to the amount of time allocated for parties' presentations must be submitted within two business days of notice thereof, if that date is less than 15 business days before the hearing.) Absent such objections, any procedure not specified in this hearing notice will be waived pursuant to section 648(d) of title 23 of the California Code of Regulations. Procedural objections will not be entertained at the hearing.

If there should not be a quorum on the scheduled date of this meeting, all cases will be automatically continued to the next scheduled meeting either in December 2014 or February 2015. A continuance will not extend any time set forth herein.

#### STAFF CONTACTS

If you have any question regarding this proposed action, please contact Veronica Cuevas at (213) 576-6662 or via email at [Veronica.Cuevas@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Veronica.Cuevas@waterboards.ca.gov) or Cris Morris, P.E., Chief, Municipal Permitting Unit at (213) 620-2083 or via email at [Cris.Morris@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Cris.Morris@waterboards.ca.gov).

Date: September 10, 2014